

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation - 2018 Meetings

First Meeting held June 13, 2018:

Agenda:

1. Briefing on Task Force.
 - a. Karen Epps, Senior Counsel, Senate Committee Services
 - b. Rob Hatfield, Counsel, Office of Program Research
2. Election of Co-Chairs.
3. Other business.

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June 22, 2018 Meeting:

Agenda:

1. Introduction of Task Force Members.
2. Briefing on the *Foster v. Department of Ecology* Washington Supreme Court decision.
 - Robin McPherson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
3. Briefing on pilot projects.

Pilot project overview:

 - Dave Christensen, Program Development Manager, Water Resources Program, Washington Department of Ecology

Pilot project briefings:

 - Michael Grayum, City Administrator, and Grant Beck, Director, Public Works, City of Yelm
 - Jason Van Gilder, Associate City Engineer, City of Sumner
 - Jeff Johnson, Manager, Spanaway Water Company
 - Thomas Hunter, City Utility Manager, City of Port Orchard
 - Bill Clarke, Consultant, Bertrand Watershed Improvement District
4. Discussion of Task Force mission, possible operating procedures, future meeting Schedule.
5. Public comment.

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September 28, 2018 Meeting:

Agenda:

1. Introductions.
2. Discussion - committee procedures.

3. Groundwater modeling.
 - Rick Dinicola, Associate Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington Water Science Center
4. Mitigation sequencing.
 - Dan Haller, PE, CWRE, Principal Water Resources Engineer, Aspect Consulting, LLC
5. Implementing and monitoring mitigation.
 - Peter Dykstra, Partner, Plauche & Carr, LLP
6. Public Comment.

Field Tour:

1. The City of Yelm's reclaimed water infiltration facility at Cochrane Memorial Park in Yelm;
2. The Smith Ranch, located along the Deschutes River east of Yelm and the site of multiple mitigation projects, and;
3. McAllister wellfield, which has recently replaced McAllister Springs as one of the primary sources of drinking water for the City of Olympia, and also serves as a source of drinking water for the Nisqually Tribe.

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December 14, 2018 Meeting:

Agenda:

1. Report on pilot projects.
 - Dave Christensen, Program Development Manager, Water Resources Program, Washington Department of Ecology
2. Tribal treaty water rights.
 - Ann Tweedy, tribal attorney, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
3. Instream flows necessary for fish and mitigation of instream flow rules.
 - Kiza Gates, PhD, Water Science Section Manager, Habitat Program, Science Division, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 - G. Thomas Tebb, Director, Office of the Columbia River
4. The benefits and potential limitations of conservation.
 - Michael Brent, Water Resources Manager, Cascade Water Alliance
 - Scott Revell, Manager, Roza Irrigation District
 - Dave Christensen, Program Development Manager, Water Resources Program, Washington Department of Ecology
5. Task Force discussion.
6. Public comment.

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